
From: Daniel Materna <sailordan76@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 8:58 PM
To: mike@centrecountypa.gov; mark@centrecountypa.gov; sdershem@centrecountypa.gov; CTCouncil
Cc: Adam Brumbaugh; Jennifer Snyder
Subject: More local casino feedback received (89% in opposition)
Attachments: Late_Public_Comment_for_SC_Gaming_received_after_deadline.pdf

Good evening Centre County Commissioners and members of the College Township Council,

As you know, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) continues to accept late written input from community members regarding their opposition or support of the casino proposed for Nittany Mall in College Township.

The PGCB will schedule a board meeting later this year in Harrisburg where the proposed casino will be discussed in more detail. Before voting to approve or disapprove the casino, the PGCB commissioners will consider all written input received from community members. Of significance, this includes those written comments submitted after the local public input hearing held on August 16, 2021 at the Penn Stater.

In the two weeks following that initial public input hearing (August 18 through September 1) the PGCB has received and posted to their website the attached 94-page document with recent feedback from community members.

80 out of 90 community members voiced their opposition to the proposed casino. The remaining 10 community members supported the plan to bring a casino here. These numbers clearly indicate that 89% of that input is in opposition!

The attachment includes all of the input described above. For the College Township Council members: Please include this email and the attachment in the Correspondence section of the consent agenda for the next regularly scheduled College Township Council meeting.

Sincerely,
Dan Materna
Howard, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: CHARLIE BAINBRIDGE <cbain007@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 1:30 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino "hearing"

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After deciding to attend your recent "hearing" in State College, I was at the Nittany Mall where I discovered that Harrah's was already listed as a client in the mall! The presumption then, would be that said "hearing" was a done deal, and the rest was merely required protocol.

What followed at the "hearing" was an anointing of the officials who would preside over the gambling, and the scrambling by local elected and non-elected persons to be a part of the monies to be gleaned from gamblers! The gentleman who cited another Pa casino failed to acknowledge that this establishment was NOT located in a university town! Notice I use the term "university" & not "college", for indeed Penn State is a world-renowned facility that does not need to add the term "casino" to its title, nor to add to its coffers by agreeing to support such a facility! The gentleman who until recently was on the Board of Trustees should also be ashamed of himself for using that position as a springboard to further line his pockets with future profits! I am unclear about remuneration for serving on this board, so cannot comment on individual reasons for this service. If all "hearings" are done deals, we do not need such a group to be in existence.

Thank you for reading this.

Charlie Bainbridge
State College, Pa.
Sent from my iPad

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Marie Hamilton <gmfhamilton@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2021 10:48 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino at Nittany Mall

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Gentlemen; PLEASE DO. NOT. PUT A CASINO. IN. THE. NITTY MALL !!!

I. WILL NOT PERMIT MY CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN to go the mall to shop on their own or for other events, which used to be a joy for them, if the casino is there for their temptation.

Please give us a swimming pool. It has become a great mall for healthy activities: the gym, place for walkers and the senior center. A swimming pool would be welcome by all. Also, you may contact me about setting up a Listening Centre, if you want to set up something amazing.

Marie Hamilton, Founder of CentrePeace.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: +1 814-880-3636 <+18148803636>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 11:41 AM
To: Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)
Subject: [External] Voice Mail (47 seconds)
Attachments: audio.mp3

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Linda Lloyd my name is Sandra Foulkrod. I live in Bellefont, Pennsylvania, very close to the State College mall. I M calling to say that I am against the casino coming into our town a minute, but it's not going to be anything that will increase or add to our beautiful community. It will only destroy so I just want you to know I am against the casino coming into State College PA. Thank you, my phone number. If you want talk is 814-880-3636. Thank u.

You received a voice mail from [+18148803636](tel:+18148803636).

Thank you for using Transcription! If you don't see a transcript above, it's because the audio quality was not clear enough to transcribe.

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jun Luo <jluous@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 1:23 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Strongly opposition to Nittany Mall casino

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Dear city administrators,

Turning the old Macys in Nittany Mall into a Casino is an extremely harmful ideal for State College. It will ruin the reputation of this family orientated small city. Even more, it will damage the reputation of the highly ranked, world renowned PSU, not even mention bad impression it will give to prospective students and their parents. Imaging that you are a high school student or his/her parent before you make the decision. How many parents would like to send their kids to a casino city and how badly it can dim the enthusiasm of a prospective student when he/she get know their campus is just 3 mills away to a huge casino.

Putting a Casino in State College is also not a responsible decision to the seniors retired and living in the city. It may raise health and driving safety concerns and make some of seniors more vulnerable to addiction to gambling.

These are a few words from a employee working at a manufacture site just a few hundreds yards away from Nittany Mall. I definitely could not see the benefit of a Casino to the surrounding companies and offices.

Thanks and good luck to this lovely city!
Jun

Jun Luo
A resident of State College

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Judith Dorman <rjdorman31@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 2:40 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] mini casino Centre Co
Attachments: RICHARDDORMAN.vcf

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My husband and I are both opposed to the casino coming into the Nittany Mall in State College, Centre Co. We certainly have enough issues with the thousands of Penn State college students and their excess drinking and drug problems. We do not need to add gambling addiction to their drinking and drug problems. Do not say gambling is not addictive when you have an add on your home page for anyone addicted. Please reconsider your plans. This will only spell disaster for Centre County.

Thank You Richard/Judith Dorman

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: RICHARD PERINI <rjperini@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 7:36 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Centre county Nittany Mall Casion

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Dear Sir or Madame

We moved to the Bellefonte area from Western NY about 4 years ago. As you are aware, there are many Indian Nation operated casino's in NY. I understand that they do not pay taxes to NYS at the same rate as other business', so this may not be a fair comparison to one in the Nittany Mall.

One such that came to mind after reading a letter in the Lockhaven Express was the Turning Stone casino. There was a paper written some years ago (2005) about the effects of the casino on the area around the casino.

The summary of the paper indicates that although there were positive impacts of employment, it came at a cost of increased crime rates in the area. This was in 2005. I don't know if things have progressed or regressed since then. I suspect you are familiar with this study and maybe others.

<http://blogs.colgate.edu/upstateinstitute/files/2013/01/OINstudy.pdf>

I realize no one forces a person to gamble, but I see no reason to subject people to the depression of losing monies they cannot afford. No one forces a person to drink or use drugs either, but once addicted there seems to be no stopping them.

Further, I understand that the local rural area residents are the principal visitors to the Turning Stone casino. This was a depressed area, so they are the most vulnerable to gambling should they fall to the trap of gambling their "non-disposable" income.

In general, I am not in favor of having a casino at the Nittany Mall. If a study was done (by other than someone proposing or profiting from the casino) I would like to see it. I realize it would fill a slot at the Mall, but at what cost? Perhaps my assumptions are wrong, but I stand ready to be corrected.

Best regards
Richard J. Perini
251 Jefferson Cir
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Katrina D'Anca <kdanca@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 9:47 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Centre County State College Casino Proposal

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you as a resident of State College, in College Township and I request that you **deny the application for the Casino in State College.**

As a former resident of Luzerne County I have seen first hand what the Casino did to the community of Wilkes-Barre. Seeing the elderly in the Casino spending their Social Security checks and walking away with nothing. Being duped into thinking points are FREE. Being lured by restaurants for free meals. Stumbling patrons being given countless free drinks and pulling the slot machine lever 'just one more time' for the thrill of the addiction of the lights, sounds the one chance to make big money. Alcoholism, drugs and poverty. A smoking section, really, what a joke. The area roads and scenery has declined since the Casino opened there.

Furthermore the spread of the COVID virus in this time warped, dark, dungeon of lights and sadness, is eminent and will overwhelm our hospital system.

The Casino is no more than a "Time-share" Scam taking away people's lives.

It did bring jobs, but not to the community, rather, an influx of people from bigger cities and an increase of poverty and crime.

For the sake of our elderly, our youth, our enjoyable low crime rate, low drug rate please do NOT approve a Casino for State College, PA.

History is the best predictor of the future.

Go ahead and pick another county, please.

Thank you,

Catherine

Catherine D'Anca

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: francis chubon <fchubon@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 10:24 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College Casino

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I am in favor of permitting a casino at the Nittany Mall in State College. It will bring jobs, tax revenue, and entertainment value to empty, blighted real estate.

Thank You

Frank Chubon

Sent from Mail for Windows

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Clark, Paul <pclark@psu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 8:23 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Opposition to SC Gaming OpCo

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PA Gaming Board,

I am writing in opposition to the licensing of the SC Gaming OpCo. I am a State College resident and oppose the proposed casino because I believe it will have a detrimental impact on our community. The casino has the potential to have a severe negative impact on some of the families, as well on many of the 48,000 students living in our community that have previously had no experience with organized gambling. It also will increase traffic and reduce property values.

I would particularly point to the compulsive or problem gambling plan include in the casino's application. The plan is inadequate and clearly shows by its boilerplate language that it has no serious concern about this issue and the damage it will do to our community.

Please vote against the State College Gaming OpCo application.

Paul Clark
1333 Park Hills Ave W
State College, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: eliza pennypacker <elizapennypacker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 10:15 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] I oppose a casino at Nittany Mall

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Dear Board--

As a citizen of State College, I write to voice my opposition to the proposed casino at the Nittany Mall. My opposition is based on a number of concerns:

- casino gambling negatively impacts those most vulnerable: people who hope to "strike it rich" to escape their humble means. That never works out for these seniors on limited income, or folks living on welfare--the "house" ultimately wins, taking their much-needed money. Even those of means end up losing, wasting their money on an incredibly unhealthy form of entertainment.
- point #1 is exacerbated by the very real phenomenon of gambling addiction. I once watched one of my Penn State students, while we attended a conference in Atlantic City, fall victim to slots. He'd never been close to a gambling opportunity before; and he was so instantly "hooked" that it took a lot of effort for his classmates to pry him away.
- the location of a casino in a college town just doubles the potential trouble. Students with limited time (they're supposed to be studying! and having a college experience!) and frequently limited means will be far too easily sucked into this "amusement opportunity," only to lose both time and money.

The bottom line is that casinos are predatory, a benefit only for the people who run them. I'm ashamed that a member of Penn State's Board of Trustees is trying to open a casino here. Its impact on our community will be negative, and Lubert will bear that as his legacy.

Eliza Pennypacker

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Michelle Rodino-Colocino <rocofem@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 10:15 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC gaming op

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Hello Gaming Commission.

My name is Michelle Rodino. I am a resident of State College, PA. I am against the casino going into the Nittany mall. Casinos prey on low-income people, senior citizens, and is a boring scam to witness. Use the space for something that benefits the community instead of feeds off of it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Rodino

Cell: (814) 777-6965

Zipcode: 16803

Sent from Earth

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Matt Coleman <macoleman1996@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 10:22 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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I am writing as part of the public comments for the proposed SC Gaming OpCo at the Nittany Mall. I believe the project should be approved and that a casino would be a good fit for the Nittany Mall. I believe there is no real argument against the proposed casino. The mall is basically sitting empty, and this would drive economic opportunities for the area.

Thank you,

--

Matthew A. Coleman, E.I.T.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: MJ <mgreyghost@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 10:29 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] I oppose "SC Gaming OpCo."

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Please do not approve the casino in our Nittany Mall. This is a really bad idea in a college and retiree town. If Mr Lupert wants a casino, please suggest a big city. How about Harrisburg or Pittsburgh. "SC Gaming OpCo."

Mary Jane Stout, voter and taxpayer
State College, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Nancy Vollmer <Nancy.Vollmer@lstmed.ac.uk>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 10:49 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Opposition to proposed casino in Nittany Mall

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Dear PA Gaming Control Board:

I am a resident of State College in Ferguson township. I would like to register my strong disagreement with the proposed casino to be located in the Nittany Mall. I do not think a casino is needed in the State College area. I do believe it would be a detriment to our community.

Best regards,

Nancy Vollmer

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Linda Strauss <lindalakits@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 1:10 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC gaming OpCo

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I object to having a casino in State College, PA.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Fran Osseo-Asare <osseogasare@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 3:05 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Not in favor

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I wish to voice my (Fran Osseo-Asare) and my husband Kwadwo Osseo-Asare's opposition to the SC Galloway OpCo project. We do not want it here.

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: lana Kronin <lana1109@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 3:36 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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I have been a Centre County resident for almost thirty years and would like to voice my concern over the plan to set up a casino in our county. Casinos , by statistics, attract a host of different kinds of crimes. State College is considered to be one of the safest growing towns in the U.S. You would be putting many of our kids and our college aged kids at risk! As a mother to 4 children, I am asking you to please, please reconsider and put the voice of our community members, their safety ahead of any possible pros to the idea of having a casino in Centre county.
Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Victoria Peurifoy <vpeurifoy305@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 4:32 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming Op Co

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State College doesn't need a casino, do you know how much crime that would bring in. Don't be fooled, you will not be able to control it. We already can not control what we have now.

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Anne Bastian <ahbastian@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 4:34 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose opening a casino in State College. I don't think it would enhance the quality of life in this town.

Thanks so much,
Anne Bastian
1767 Cambridge Drive
State College, PA 16803

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Cindy Pasquariello <cindy.eagle.pasquariello@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 5:19 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in State College

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To whom it may concern,

I wholeheartedly approve of allowing a casino to operate in the Nittany Mall, State College, PA. The economic impact will help the area with the creation of jobs and tourist opportunities.

Thank you,

Cynthia Pasquariello
255 Holly Ridge Dr.
State College, PA 16801
814.235.6235

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Don Barletta <donbarletta@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 5:20 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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I am in favor of the casino.

Don Barletta
416 Gerald Street
State College, PA 16801
814-234-2758
DonBarletta@yahoo.com

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Michele Rivera <mxr194@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 5:43 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] NO Casino

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To Whom It May Concern:
Please do NOT allow the casino in Happy Valley!!
Michele

Sent from Mail for Windows

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Beth Williams <gbvm34@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 6:42 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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Sorry but I live right above the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. I don't want a casino in the mall because all that will do is bring unfavorable people and trouble to the area. Why don't they just set up a drug booth and provide drug addicts their drugs?

Just wanted to put in my opinion.

Thank you,
Beth Williams

Sent from my iPad

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Mary MacDonald <mactuttut@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 7:07 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino at Nittany Mall

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I strongly disapprove of a casino opening at the Nittany Mall as I feel it would have a negative impact on our community. People are easily manipulated into losing their money by casinos, which can devastate families and communities. Many college students could lose their tuition money. We have a lovely community with a low crime rate and would like to keep it that way.

Thank you,
Mary MacDonald
Boalsburg, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jim Kerhin <jimkerhin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 8:34 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Cc: Jim Kerhin
Subject: [External] Nittany Mall Casino

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I am 110% IN FAVOR of building a casino in the Macy's building at the Nittany Mall in State College.

Jim Kerhin
1346 University Drive
State College, PA
16801-6445
814-777-7455

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Randy Earhart <randy_earhart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 9:19 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in Nittany Mall/State College Pa

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Dear Board,
I believe casinos prey on the poor, and strongly disapprove of the proposed casino in Centre County.
Randall Earhart

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Carol Camargo <carolwcamargo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 11:04 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Gambling in State College

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I am a resident of State College. I am opposed to gambling here

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Joe Caron <josephpcaron@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 11:43 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in state college

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Hello board,

I am a resident of state college. The mall is a desolate area. A casino would bring jobs to the community. Its legal in Pennsylvania, there id no close alternative. Let our community benefit.

Thank you,
Joe

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: GB, Board Clerk
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 6:08 AM
To: Lloyd, Linda (PGCB); Wanich, Lyndsey (PGCB)
Subject: FW: [External] Opposing SC Gaming OpCo
Attachments: [External] Opposing SC Gaming OpCo

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Christina Taheri <cjludwig81@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 6:08 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Opposing SC Gaming OpCo

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Dear Gaming Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the opening of a casino in Nittany Mall in State College, Pennsylvania.

My concern is that the casino will swindle wealth out of low/median-wage families and into the pockets of a small group of wealthy individuals. This will not bring an economic boom to the region, as some suggest. Rather, it will squander resources that would be better spent in more constructive ways.

Best regards,

Christina Taheri

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Vicki Summers <vsummers71@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 6:08 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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Please do not allow this casino to go through. It will DESTROY Happy Valley. Ever been to Vegas? This will start causing homelessness and increased drug use, not to mention gaming addictions. Please do not do this!! No matter where I travel in the world I'm so grateful to return to State College. A change like this would cause unfathomable damage to the area. PLEASE SAY NO!!

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Dawn VandenHeuvel <dawnvh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 7:29 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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To Whom it may concern:

I am opposed to bringing a casino to State College, PA into the Nittany Mall or in any part of the State College area.

I don't feel that it is appropriate for a small rural college town and it changes the cultural atmosphere that is State College and Penn State.

Thank you for your consideration.
Dawn VandenHeuvel
814-360-3683

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Hurtz, Timothy Frederick <tfh2@psu.edu>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 8:09 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC gaming

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We do not need or want a casino in State College.
Tim Hurtz

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Barbara Neuhard <b.neuhard@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 10:23 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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I am opposed to the plan to open a casino in the Nittany Mall. This is not the best use of the space and is definitely not the environment we want to promote in our town. The university students are at a vulnerable stage of their lives and do not make the best decisions. Why put another unhealthy temptation right in front of them. Happy Valley does not want to be another Las Vegas or Atlantic City with the social problems that accompany legalized gambling at casinos.

Barbara Hofstrom

Sent from my iPad

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Zorn, Christopher <cuz10@psu.edu>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 10:33 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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I write to express my support for the proposed casino in the Nittany Mall in Centre County. I am a 14-year resident of State College; I'm raising my 12-year-old son here, and expect to live here for the rest of my life. I support the introduction of the casino because the research is clear: The likely positive effects -- economic, developmental, and cultural -- of a casino of this size and type far outweigh the likely negative ones.

- Christopher Zorn

Dr. Christopher Zorn (he/him)
Liberal Arts Professor of Political Science
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Affiliate Professor of Law
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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Adam Shaffer <adam311835@aim.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 10:36 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SCGamingOpCo

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Hello,

I am writing to state I am in support of the casino that is planned for the Nittany Mall in State College, PA.

Thank you,

Adam Shaffer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Amy Moore <racjmoore@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 11:26 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo - "NO" to Nittany Mall Casino

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Dear PA Gaming Control Board,

Please reconsider your intent to allow for a casino to be placed in the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. If you have not noticed, every store in that area is a "discount store", obviously because that is what our market demands. Walmart, Big Lots, Sam's Club, Harbor Freight, Goodwill, Ross, Gabes, are just some of the discount chains nearby. A casino in that area would attract those shoppers, people who are already living paycheck to paycheck, with hopes to win and get rich quickly. Unfortunately, they will lose their hard earned money, as most do in those places, and the area will only become more depressed.

To me this seems to be a "no brainer". There have to be more ethical alternatives for the state to make money than to prey on those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

Please take note of the surrounding community in your thoughts regarding building a casino.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Amy Moore
State College, PA 16803

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Barbara Furman <bes10.furman@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 12:04 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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This is to register my unqualified “NO” to the proposed Casino at the Nittany Mall, State College, PA.

The benefits proposed do NOT outweigh what I consider to be just more negatives to those of us who are long-time residents of the State College/Centre County area. And as we are now seeing as downtown has become basically for transients, efforts are being created to try to encourage residents to come downtown. Because we basically don't go anymore. There is very little reason for us. And I certainly would be discouraged from going to the Nittany Mall, as will many others. The mall has been trying to make a “comeback” and stores have finally been coming in.

Overall, I feel that we have enough to gamble about as we live our daily lives without encouraging each other, while personal prerogative, by making it so attractive. Encouraging people to come to the area to gamble – as well as students – is not the atmosphere I desire. There are enough communities where such has come in that find the whole scene less than desirable – despite the money. I would that decision-makers involved in our community made decisions that not only were “money” but also good for our community atmosphere.

My desire for my future here is that the influences with gambling would not be brought here. I don't have to do it, of course, but the whole community that I love will bear the impacts, good or bad.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my dissent.

Barbara Steen Furman
State College, PA 16801

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Timothy Bair <tdadcbair@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 12:26 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC gaming opponents

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Concerning a casino in State College, I am a home owner in State College and opposed to a casino in State College. The argument that it will have a positive employment impact seems without foundation in terms of real career opportunity. Most the casino floor personnel are paid at the lower end of the economic scale and centered on evenings and nights. I've never seen a positive outcome to having a casino in any community as it is lucrative for owners primarily and robs persons of hard earned cash. They wouldn't build it if it lost money for the owners. Finally, SC draws enough crowds to the area that don't respect this town or our values. I don't believe the commensurate gambling addiction, prostitution and crime is desired by anyone here. This may sound puritanical but there's no redeeming some evil with the little good a few jobs might enable. Against gambling in State College. Tim Bair

Sent from my iPad

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: timberstotrinet <timberstotrinet@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 4:52 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Nittany mall, state college casino

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Wonderful idea. This town needs this. This household is in full support of a casino!

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Kristen Boccumini <kristenbocc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 8:42 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] NO NO NO CASINO IN STATE COLLEGE, PA!

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Hello,

I would like to share that I am wholeheartedly AGAINST the Casino that is trying to come to the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. I know some people are trying to argue about the benefit of bringing jobs, but there are plenty of jobs already here particularly with this being a transient town, and ANY other business or industry will create jobs, so there is no exception for a Casino compared to any other business that can come into Nittany Mall. I am concerned about how a casino will actually deplete this town economically and bring in crime.

The Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA has involved organized crime after they allowed one to be built in the town years ago. Whoever heads the crime from NYC finds hungry homeless immigrants and sends them on a bus one way to get a free lunch and \$25 voucher to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem. They get their lunch and the \$25 vouchers go back to those running the organized crime in NYC. Then the poor immigrants they sent on the bus are stuck in Bethlehem and become the town's problem. I saw it with my own eyes when visiting Steel Stacks park in Bethlehem with my family. The immigrants were everywhere, and I saw a cop literally "shoo" them away and around the park. I asked him what was going on and he told me all about it, about the organized crime, the vouchers, the immigrants and how it works. He was very frustrated and now a big problem Bethlehem, PA has to deal with, and the cops can't do anything about it. A lot of the immigrants appeared elderly and of asian decent and they could not speak English. They were clearly taken advantage of, and there were dozens and dozens of them stuck there in the town.

I also went to school near Atlantic City, NJ and it is a mess now, but before was an amazing beach town. Casinos drain the money out of the town, they bring in crime and drugs. They attract people that need money and want a fix. If casinos didn't involve all that, then I'll be all for some games and fun. And still, jobs for the area's economy can be filled with any other type of business. Especially in this town there is so much turnover and always new jobs available. I just don't think everyone understands the whole picture regarding what a casino means and how it can effect the town.

I am also frustrated that part of this is political, too, as someone on the board of PSU is initiating this development and will prosper from it. Personally, it makes me less interested in living here seeing State College move in this direction.

CA-2.a.

Please STOP the casino from coming to State College, PA. I am wholeheartedly against it and have strong concerns that it will negatively effect the health of State College.

Thank you,
Kristen Boccumini

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Samantha Bennett Backer <samanthaebennett@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:04 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC gaming Opco

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To whom it may concern,

As a citizen of State College, I vehemently OPPOSE Ira Lupert's casino as proposed. This will not bring business to our region - rather, it will usher in crime, with proceeds leaving our town to the shareholders. I ask that you deny the approval in the interest of our community.

Samantha Backer

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Holly (Junod) Grenoble <emtjunod3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:07 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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I am writing as a citizen on Centre County. I am against a casino going in at the Nittany Mall. From my research, it causes more issues with poverty, drugs, such that we do NOT want in our county. I do not want to see our great community have issues and need more police presence. Please vote NO on the SC Gaming OpCo.

Respectfully,
Holly Grenoble
Centre Hall PA

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Heidi Biever <heidibiever15@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:10 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] STOP SC Gaming OpCo.

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To Whom it may concern,

STOP the SC Gaming OpCo in State College. This is not wise or advisable to encourage gambling in our town. We are built on education and financial stability, not risk and addiction.

Thank you,

Linda Lloyd

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Mandy Sergent Glitzer Yoga Therapist <mandysergent@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:15 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC gaming OpCo

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To whom it concerns, please do not allow a casino to be placed in the Nittany Mall. It's the exact opposite of what this small family town needs.

Sincerely,
Mandy Glitzer

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typos.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Allison <amp3435@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:15 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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The very last thing our area needs is another vice for the students. They're already bad enough with drinking and trashing downtown. We do not need to give them a place to gamble.

A casino will bring ZERO value and LOADS OF CRIME to the area. Please think past the greed and think of the families that call this lovely town home.

Atlantic city is no place to raise a family, and the same will be true about our beloved state college if you allow this monster in.

Do not ruin our town to line someone's pockets. There is a reason why none of the other areas want it in their space. We do not want it here. Do not allow this to pass.

Sincerely,
Allison Ray

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: katy baldanza <katybaldanza@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:17 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a resident of Centre County (235 Ridge Avenue, State College, 16803), to register my disagreement with the plan to open a casino at the Nittany Mall. We do not need or want a casino here and think it would be detrimental to the local residents.

Sincerely,
Katy Baldanza

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Patty Reddington <pattyred@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:24 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] gambling casino in State College, PA

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Please do not allow a gaming casino to be opened in State College, PA.

Referring to project SC Gaming OpCo

I feel strongly that it will be detrimental to the area.

Thank you,

Patricia Reddington

101 Fairbrook Drive

PA Furnace, PA 16865

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Erin Stube <erinstube@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:31 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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I strongly disagree our Happy Valley needs a casino. We have a beautiful community. A casino would completely change our community for the latter. It would bring unnecessary crime, drugs, addictions, prostitution and not the type of economic growth our community wants or needs.

Erin Stube

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Christy LaForce <cl4s@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:34 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino in centre county

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Please do not allow the casino to be set in the Nittany Mall. It is not the kind of establishment that belongs in our county. Having researched what happened in other communities, I find it will only bring trouble in the way of gambling addiction, crime, and drugs. Please consider the community's best interests when you make your decision.

Thank you,

Christy LaForce

Sent from my iPad

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: emmyl21@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:42 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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As a resident of Patton Township, PA, I would like to voice my concern over the plan to put a casino into the Nittany Mall.

We chose to move our family here 13 years ago. We left NYC because of the crime and drugs and chose State College because it is a safe place to raise a family. This casino will bring exactly the issues we escaped in NYC - crime and drugs. It will bring profits to people who already have plenty of money and will destroy the peace and beauty of this town for the people who actually live here. I am firmly against the casino being put anywhere in State College.

Sincerely,
Emily Lombardi
415 Timberton Circle
Bellefonte, PA. 16823

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Dena Veera <dena.veer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:54 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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As a tax paying resident this is not what I want to see in my neighborhood. I vehemently disagree with a CASINO AT NITTANY MALL.

This will not be an asset to the community.

Dana Showalter

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Leann Diederich <leann.j.terry@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:59 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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Dear Commission Members,

As a resident of Centre county, I live in Bellefonte and work in State College. Adding a casino in Nittany Mall is not what our community needs.

I hope you will advocate for the residents and deny the casino permission to be built.

Sincerely,
Leann T Diederich

133 East Beaver Street
Bellefonte

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Missy <cranmommissy@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 10:11 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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I'm writing in regards to the Casino that is proposed in the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. I do not want a casino in my town. The crime, drugs, and addiction that comes from a casino is not what a college town needs. I vote NO casino.

Thank you,
MELISSA Etters

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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: qiwowo@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 10:17 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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Hi,

We live in State College. My husband works at Penn State and we have two young kids. We feel shocked to learn that there is a possibility to open a casino in our area.

We are afraid that the operation of casino will indeed negatively impact our public security. Casino could bring in crime, drug and a lot of social problems. We can not exchange the peaceful life with just the short time wealthy income from the casino. Because in the long run, it will need more money and more police force to treat the social problems. Eventually, in worse case people would leave the town due to high criminal rate and thus the housing cost can drop significantly. We should consider these long term loss of wealth, not just the quick money from opening a casino.

Please take our opinion into consideration. We really think it's a bad idea to open a casino in State College. Please let it remain to be a clear and beautiful college town.

Thank you for your consideration.
Shen's family

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Amanda White <mandy3white@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 10:26 PM
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Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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Dear PA Gaming Control Board,

I am writing today to express my concern with the potential casino coming to the Nittany Mall in State College. This concerns me for several reasons.

First off, what is the point of a casino - other than to prey on vulnerable people?! How can someone support a business that seeks to feed addiction?

What advantage does a casino offer to an area? How does a casino work to enrich or improve an area? There are plenty of jobs available right now, so to say that it will bring employment is not valid. Any business in the mall would bring employment.

We need businesses that BETTER our community. And a casino does NOT offer anything but an opportunity for people to come, trash our beautiful town - dumping their money down the toilet, not our economy - and heading home.

Please seriously consider taking this whole idea off the table. State College is not the ideal location for a casino. We will lose the peaceful, beautiful town so many families call home.

Thank you.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Huang, Sharon Xiaolei <suh972@psu.edu>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 10:32 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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Hello,

I received your email address from a friend. I'm writing to express my concerns about opening a casino near state college, PA. State College is a college town centered around Penn State University, University Park. Talented students from all over Pennsylvania come to University Park / State College to receive higher education and to learn knowledge and skills that will give them a good start for a positive and fulfilling adult life. A casino is just not a good fit in a college town environment. If it were here, college students can be tempted to go to casino and miss classes. Gambling is addictive and young adults can easily get addicted to gambling at a casino. Think about the many Pennsylvania families who spend so much efforts in educating their children and their happiness when sending their children to college at Penn State. No one wants to see their children go to a casino when they should be in class, studying hard, engaging in positive, entrepreneurial and other activities that enrich instead of drain their lives.

It is already sad that the Nittany Mall is slowly closing down. People around town do not have good shopping options anymore and we often have to drive to Altoona to a mall that is not even as good as the Nittany Mall. The fun and family-friendly activities in Nittany Mall are gone. Putting a casino in the location of the Nittany mall is just adding salt to a bad wound. It is not good for Penn State, it is not good for Happy Valley, it is not good for countless families in Pennsylvania, and it should not be good for the State of Pennsylvania.

Please consider the many voices that object to having a casino near State College, PA. Please consider the wellbeing of the talented young college students at Penn State. Please do not approve a casino near State College, PA.

Sincerely,
-Sharon Huang

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Sharon X. Huang, PhD
Associate Professor
College of Information Sciences and Technology
Penn State University
University Park, PA 16802
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Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Theresa Decker <theresa.decker826@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 10:47 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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Dear Sir or Ma'am:

I have lived in Centre county for almost 15 years. I attended PSU even before that time. I love this town and the surrounding area. My husband and I have been happily raising our two kids here because it has always been a safe place full of life..."Happy Valley!"

I have many concerns about the opening of a casino. I fear for an increase in crime and how it will affect the town's resources. I ask that you please reconsider this project and it's potential negative effects on this beautiful town.

Sincerely,
Theresa Decker

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Kris Danford <kldanford@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 11:07 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC gaming OpCo

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Hello,

I am a resident of state college and I am writing to say that we do NOT need a casino in this community. This will be a negative influence and I am strongly opposed to a casino being in Nittany mall.

Kristin Danford

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Shevock, Daniel John <djs541@psu.edu>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 11:09 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] "SC Gaming OpCo."

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Greetings,

I am concerned at the possibility that a Casino will be opened by Ira Lubert (or anybody else!) in Nittany Mall, facilitating gambling. Gambling has increasingly become a problem for Pennsylvanians, destroying many lives and ruining families. I find it offensive that the PA government would support any additional casinos or gambling in the commonwealth, and especially at my home in Centre, County, PA. With a casino, our community dollars will be redirected to pay for controlling the increase in crime (which is always part of gambling), as well as support structures for gambling addicts and their impoverished families. We do not need a casino in Happy Valley. As a voting citizen, a father and husband, and homeowner, I urge you to reject this casino. According to the Bible, the love of money is the root of all evil. It is through this craving that many have wandered away from faith (1 Timothy 6:10). Finally, according to every news article I have read on gambling and poverty in Pennsylvania, casinos are most attractive to poor families, who cannot afford throwing their money away anyway, exacerbating poverty and suffering.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Shevock

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Talitha Murosky <isaiah61_freedom@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 11:15 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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Hello,

I am writing to ask that you do NOT approve the Casino at Nittany Mall in State College. This area is known for being a great area for families to live. I would like to see it remain that way. There is plenty of evidence that where casinos are many other negative things come along as well, including increased crime and addiction to name a couple.

I used to live in an area that saw first hand the devastation that comes to the local community after a casino is established there. I do not want to see that happen here.

Please protect our community and families by not allowing this casino to come to State College.

Sincerely,
Talitha Murosky

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Sandi Duverneuil <smduverneuil@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 11:34 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC GamingOpCo

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of State College in Centre County and vehemently oppose the proposed casino at Nittany Mall.

I moved to State College five years ago from the Washington, DC in search of a healthier lifestyle. Opening a casino in State College is tantamount to opening Pandora's Box. It will result in increased crime and is highly inappropriate in a college town where underage drinking is already a problem.

If the county/state truly cared about the economic livelihood in State College, they would instead approach IKEA to open a store and/or Amazon. Or a more family-oriented venue such as Dave & Busters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sandra M. Duverneuil

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Sandi Duverneuil

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: S Sausser <slf152@hotmail.com>
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Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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To whom it may concern,

This is in regards to the planned casino at the Nittany Mall in State College. This is not the kind of business we need in our community. My husband and I chose to live in the area by the Nittany Mall because it's so family friendly. This will change if a casino is built. Casinos bring crime, addiction, and other undesirable effects. This will only drag down local citizens who already struggle with addiction and bring people from surrounding areas that are certainly not as nice as State College. I don't want to have to worry about taking my 3 year old to the mall to do kiddie rides, that there may be people around us so deep into a gambling addiction that I will fear for our safety. Yes, you will bolster traffic at the mall- but not in the right way. Local businesses will all experience a higher rate of crime. I grew up near Atlantic City, NJ. That's no longer a safe town. The casinos do not attract a clientele conducive to a family friendly or safe community. This will impact property values as well- no one wants to live near this.

Thank you for your time.
Sandra Sausser

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jed Neilson <jed.neilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 11:45 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed casino in State College

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Hello, I am a resident of State College. I would like to formally voice my opposition to the proposed casino at the old Nittany Mall in State College.

Casinos, lotteries, and other forms of gambling are essentially a tax on the poor and uneducated. They do not add value to communities, but instead lead to deterioration of communities. If a casino is built there, I will avoid that area of town because of all that the casino attracts. I know there are also people who live in the area who would be looking to move if the casino was built there. Please do not approve a casino anywhere in Centre County.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: ellenvz1@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 12:12 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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To Whom it May concern:

I am a resident of State College, Pa and I am writing to you to express my concerns about having a casino put in the Nittany mall here in State College, Pa. I feel that this would be a big mistake and cause some severe problems for many with gambling addiction. This will also cause several other problems that stem from having casinos here.

Please do not allow this here!

Sincerely,

Ellen Freeman

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Nicolas Fernandez-Medina <nicolasfmedina@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:11 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo--NO on Building a Casino in State College

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Dear Gaming Control Board,

I am writing in reference to the Ira Lubert's casino which is planned for the Nittany Mall in State College. As a 14-year resident of the area, I can safely say that this community is not interested in a casino. This area draws folks from across the nation and globe thanks to its natural beauty, its top-rated university, and its excellence in sports, which brings millions of dollars into Happy Valley and supports our vibrant economy. The last thing we need is a casino. It will not succeed as a business model in this area and the community will not support it.

Sincerely,
Nicolas Fernandez

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Ashlee Summerson <ashlee288@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:42 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College Casino

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I'm writing in my protest of the casino going into the Nittany Mall. Most in town are opposed to this and what all it brings, such as drugs, crime, etc. It is not what this town needs. Tear the mall down before putting that into it. We do not support this.

Thank you.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Tammy Driver <tammysue20013@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:32 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] "SC Gaming OpCo"

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To whom this concerns,

It will bring unnecessary attention that should not be there such as Presution and evil things as such. Yes, it brings a lot of money to the state's economy it is not good. Please find other creative ways to bring money to the state's economy.

Thank you,
Tammy

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Matt Herndon <matt.r.herndon@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:40 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Don't build a casino at Nittany Mall

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Casino's are mostly ways to extract money from people who don't understand statistics. The best solution would be to institute a 99% tax on their revenues, but failing that we should stop allowing new ones to be built, our state already has more than enough. I live here and I don't want this vampire being built in my backyard.

Sincerely,

Matt Herndon 113 W Lytle Ave, State College, PA 16801

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Karen Walker <karenmwalker@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:45 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] State College casino

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As a resident of College Township in State College, I just want to go on record as opposing the proposed "SC Gaming Op Pro" project slated to take over the Nittany Mall. Our quaint little town cannot handle the problems that come along with a casino— the increased crime, drugs, prostitution, etc.— and our local economy does not need this. Our resources are already stretched too thin and our local businesses are having a hard enough time finding workers as it is. Please reconsider.

Thank you.

Karen Walker
975 Greenbriar Drive
State College, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Andrew Shaffer <andrewshaffer148@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:45 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed Casino at Nittany Mall in State College, PA

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Dear PA Gaming Control Board,

I apologize for not sending this e-mail prior to the deadline for the hearing about the proposed casino at Nittany Mall, but I only became aware of this issue last night (8/28/2021). I hope that my input can still be incorporated into the decision making process regarding the construction of this casino.

I am **strongly opposed** to the construction of a casino at the Nittany Mall. At a fundamental level, every casino accrues benefits to its owners by extracting money and imposing negative externalities on the community in which it is located. Although a casino may generate a small number of jobs and slightly increase tax revenue in the municipality in which it is located, these benefits are almost worthless when juxtaposed with the costs borne by the community. Gambling addiction is a serious problem, and the increased tax revenue that is brought in by the casino will not compensate these addicts or their families for what they will have to suffer both now and in the future. Likewise, the innocent victims of the increased crime that comes with the casino will not be made whole because the casino has created a small number of jobs.

The impact study associated with this proposed casino (https://gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov/files/impact_reports/SC_Gaming_OpCo_LLC/SC_Gaming_OpCo_LLC_Local_Impact_Report.pdf) is a textbook example of motivated reasoning and it ignores just about everything except short-term effects on aggregated economic metrics. For example, how does the long-term loss of economic productivity from an individual who is injured or killed as a result of casino-related crime factor into this analysis? How does the study account for the long-term difference in economic output because a gambling-addicted parent spends his time and his child's college fund on gambling instead of investing those essential values in his child's education? How does the study account for the long-term impact on property values when local residents spend their money on gambling instead of on maintaining and upgrading their homes? And how does the study account for the non-economic effects of opening a casino such as the psychological suffering and decrease in quality of life for people who put themselves into financial distress because they cannot stop gambling?

The short answer is that none of these costs are included in the analysis. If the long-term and non-financial costs of bringing the casino to the Nittany Mall were actually included in the analysis, the impact study would clearly show that having a casino in our community is a terrible idea.

I strongly urge you to reject the application for the construction of the casino at the Nittany Mall.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrew Shaffer
224 S Buckhout St.
State College, PA 16801

814-321-3202

andrewshaffer148@gmail.com

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Sara Povick <sarapovick@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 9:07 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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To whom it may concern:

Please reconsider bringing a casino to State College. It will drain the town of resources, wealth, health, and safety. Casinos bring in crime, drugs, and prostitution because they prey on those most vulnerable. Our COMMUNITY needs businesses that BETTER the whole. And a casino does NOT offer anything but a chance for people to feed their addiction, which is not healthy or fulfilling.

I understand to many people this is just a business transaction. But please don't make a decision to profit financially at the expense of others' quality of life. A casino seems like a desperate reach that in the long-run only benefits the top dogs who live elsewhere. The means (casinos) cannot justify the ends (jobs/opportunities) when the means are proven to be destructive to a community's fiber.

There are many creative minds in this community who are talented, entrepreneurial, and innovative. I would recommend you seek out these successful men and women for better business ideas at the mall.

Thank you,
Sara Povick
State College College Resident

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Alaina Henry <henryalaina@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 9:25 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming Co-Op

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Hello,

As a Houserville resident and rental property owner, I beg you not to bring a casino to the Nittany mall. This side of town is already struggling and bringing crime and addiction that is linked with casino populations will NOT help. This casino will hurt residential property value on this side of town and families will vacate.

Please, please consider the negative implications.

Thank you,
Alaina

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: T REDDINGTON <tred3@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 12:52 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo.

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Dear PA Gaming Control Board:

Regarding the Ira Lubert Casino to be located at the Nittany Mall or anywhere in Centre County it is NOT what is needed in Happy Valley.

As a resident in the area please include my comment against the SC Gaming OpCo. project.

Respectively,

T Reddington

101 Fairbrook Dr
Pa Furnace, PA 16865

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Sarah Christian <mrskiwi@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 1:56 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] NO Casino in State College

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To the PA Gaming Control Board:

Thank you for the work you do to ensure the ethical operation of Pennsylvania's casinos.

I would like to strongly object to the SC Gaming OpCo project. As a life-long resident of State College, Pennsylvania, I have loved the peaceful, educational environment of this university town. I have also personally as well as through my church worked to love and meet the needs of some of the marginalized members of this community: the incarcerated, those with mental health disorders, and the homeless.

My concern in bringing a casino to this area is the dramatic shift that a casino would bring to the relative stability of this town, the amplification of the struggles as well as the quantity of those marginalized community members mentioned above, and the drain of resources that are already being stretched to meet the needs of these individuals.

The most respectful action this board can take toward the people of Centre County is to eliminate the SC Gaming OpCo project proposed to be located at the Nittany Mall.

Thank you for taking into consideration the feedback from the community.

Respectfully,
Sarah

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Maryellen O'Brien <mobrien207@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 2:16 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo.

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Dear Board Members,

As a resident and home owner in State College, I'm adamantly opposed to a casino anywhere in the immediate area. State College is a great family city and place to raise children where they can feel safe and obtain a good public education. The University is an international beacon of academic excellence bringing the best and brightest to this close knit community. While COVID has impacted the businesses in the region, State College vital downtown and adjacent areas will bounce back, revitalized and is already attracting new businesses. This area needs more retail for the growing population, but it doesn't need a gambling mecca.

I've seen the devastation wrought by bringing gambling into the community. Huge promises about economic development made and always broken leaving cities in worse shape than before. While living in New Jersey I saw first hand the negative impact on Atlantic City and surrounding areas as an already downtrodden area had it hopes raised only to see the owner/titans leave them behind when revenues started to fall and the silvery finish wore off the fancy casinos. Addiction and crime could no longer be hidden and both still remain highly visible many years after the wealthy owners left and took their profits with them. During the same period, I was involved in gambling studies to

assess the impact of gambling addiction and treatment, of which little exists and certainly none in State College.

Casinos are designed to rope people in with their glitz and promises of a big win. This always appeals to the most vulnerable populations and students who can least afford to lose their money. We know the house always wins. Please don't let the house win this time. Vote to keep State College the safe, creative, naturally beautiful and vital city that it is. Your vote against the casino is a vote in favor of strengthening and building a strong and healthy community of families, homeowners, students and local businesses.

Maryellen O'Brien

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Maria Izquierdo <mxi134psu@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 2:55 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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To whom it may concern:

I would prefer that the people who will make money out of installing a casino at the mall make money elsewhere. Would that be possible? I have two little ones, and I would prefer that the crime, drug addiction, gambling addiction, prostitution, and parasitism of vulnerable people happens elsewhere. Could you, would you like the same?

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

María Izquierdo

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Grace Irwin <girwin2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 9:14 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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Dear Board Members-

I am a Centre County resident, adamantly opposed to the devastating effects of a casino coming to Happy Valley, our wonderful Penn State community. Why bring the drugs, the crime, lower community safety and lower property values to our wonderful town? Yes, jobs are needed, but not casino jobs. This will be devastating for us.

I've read that Atlantic City used to be a beautiful beach town. A wonderful family-friendly place to vacation. Now after the casinos, it is a wasteland. Casinos are an energy suck to the community. They prey on the poor and would drain the money of local residents that they would otherwise spend at local small businesses. Please for the sake of our community, DO NOT BRING ONE HERE.

To quote an Atlantic article from 2014,

"As casino expansion reaches its limits, the towns and cities that turned to gambling to escape *their* problems may discover that they have accepted a sucker's bet: local economies that look worse than ever, local residents tempted into new forms of self-destructive behavior, and a dwindling flow of cash to show for it all."

From the same article:

"The casino market is nearing saturation, if it is not already saturated. Two casinos have closed in Mississippi this year. Four have closed or will soon close in Atlantic City, including the glitziest hotel on the boardwalk, Revel."

And this was written 7 years ago. Doesn't sound like a smart business plan to me. It sounds like greed.

Your vote against bringing a casino here is a vote to keep our community strong and safe. It will be an investment in our properties, our small businesses, and our students.

Thank you so much
grace irwin

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jun Zhou <junzhou17@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:53 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] No Casino in Happy Valley

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Hi SC Gaming OpCo.

For the healthy growth of children, our family think that a casino is NOT what is needed in Happy Valley.

Thanks!

Jun Zhou

Sent from my iPhone

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Faith M. Lucchesi <faith@dlasc.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 9:15 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo.

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As a State College, Centre County, resident and worker, kindly note my opposition to the proposed casino at the Nittany Valley mall. I will not only avoid the casino, I will never visit the mall again in protest. It is not needed here. It is not wanted here. It will provide more harm than good and is not filling a need.

Thank you,

Faith Lucchesi, Esq.
1402 S. Atherton Street
State College, PA. 16801

"The perfect cannot be the enemy of the good." Voltaire.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: debbie harrison <debra.m.harrison@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 10:18 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Casino - State College, PA

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I am writing to let you know of my concern for the opening of a casino in our area.

I have been in this area since the 80's and there have been a lot of negative changes to our area, but bringing a casino to this area tops the list!!

This will bring a lot of people to our area that we already do not have room for due to the students at Penn State.

Casino's bring with them pornography, drugs, alcohol, loss of money, which all in turn hurts the family. Families are already struggling to stay together due to other stresses in life and we don't need to be adding to it by bringing a casino to the area.

Are those financing the casino going to come to our town and help to pay for and care for the people who become homeless due to losing their money and families because of gambling?

Please.... Please Consider rejecting the request to open a casino in our area.

Thank you for your time.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: GB, PGCB
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 7:38 AM
To: Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)
Subject: FW: [External] State College Casino

-----Original Message-----

From: Tammy <tammyleathers2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 6:03 AM
To: GB, PGCB <RA-PGCB@pa.gov>
Subject: [External] State College Casino

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I am very excited to see a casino come to the State College area. I think this is exciting news with job opportunities and entertainment for our town.

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Sadhna Agrawal <sadhna13a@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 11:37 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Oppose Casino at Nittany Mall

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As a resident of College Township who lives quite close to Nittany Mall, I think casinos are a horrible idea for our community. It will attract a lot of not too desirable people with legal and illegal professions and they will also drink and drive making it more dangerous for us who have to use the same roads to get back and forth from work, running errands etc. Our property values will go down and all that we have spent decades building will be reduced to nothing.

It will also attract a lot of college students to gamble away money which they probably do not even have or will burden their parents even more. Greed of Ira Lubert and politicians can lead to the ruin of a lot of families and I do not think they would care one bit.

State College is a family oriented community and a beautiful University town. We do not need casinos in our town. It will make the town look like a cheap and sleazy place. If people are so addicted to gambling they can always drive to those places. This beautiful town I have lived in for over 40 years will be ruined. If we can attract good stores and restaurants to Nittany Mall it would be much better.

I know what we say does not matter to you because probably too many campaign donations and greased palms have already helped make up your mind but as a citizen and taxpayer, I feel I have to voice my opinion.

Thank you.

Sadhna Agrawal (sadhna13a@gmail.com)

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Nancy Stahl <nancy.stahl@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 7:02 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo.

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To Those Reviewing the State College Gaming request:

As a 37 year resident in the State College, PA area (10 miles from the Nittany Mall), I am very concerned with the prospect of introducing a casino to our community. This has been a great college town in which to raise our family. Unfortunately it has had some challenges due to the influx of drugs and alcohol that tend to be targeted on our youth and young adults. State College seeks to increase tourism to offset other expenses and to keep taxes lower which I truly appreciate. My concern is that a Casino would really change the culture of this community. Today it is a college town, entrusted by parents sending their teenager off to make decisions on their own for the first time. If I were a parent trying to help my son or daughter decide between a school in a community with a casino or one without, I promise you I would lean towards the one without. As part of a community that says it values our town and gown responsibilities, this action truly is more about making money and providing alumni fun while reliving their college days than it is about enhancing the community. We residents see the impacts of the poorly behaved adults coming into town for a weekend of reckless partying. State Patty's Day is a great example of something that attracts people from outside the community and causes challenges for the local authorities.

We are experiencing an increase in petty crime in our area that we've not seen before as a growing community. Lately, many now have to lock their vehicles in their driveways who never had to before. This is because individuals are breaking into their cars and stealing credit cards, purses, etc. This was not the case just 5 years ago. In the end, someone will have to pay for the increases in police, magistrates, facilities, etc. I realize that the revenue should increase our funding, but will it cover all the costs associated with the crimes and the increased costs in expanding/maintaining infrastructure in our community? Lastly, there are more than financial impacts associated with these crimes. There are women who will be abused and struggle the rest of their lives due to this. The potential for gambling addiction will lead others, unknowingly, into bankruptcy, or loss of family and jobs. All of these lead to people on assistance or to homelessness. Today State College is not able to provide shelter for all who are homeless. This problem will only increase as a result of enabling others to make money off of those living in the margins of our society.

The ends don't justify the means in this case and I beg you to not approve the SC Gaming OpCo.

Thank you for reading this and considering my plea.

Sincerely,
Nancy Stahl

Patton Township
391 Stevenson Road
Port Matilda, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Kelly Herbick <kelly.herbick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 11:37 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Vote No cascino

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I am opposed to the addition of a cascino at the Mall in State college. We moved here to small town central PA for the work ethic and values that the town was built on. There are better options for the mall that could benefit the broader community. Please vote no to a cascino.

Thank you
Kelly Herbick

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Dan Kiehl <danielskiehl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:53 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Proposed Casino in State College, PA

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Dear PGCB,

I am writing as the Senior Pastor of Oakwood Presbyterian Church, a congregation of about 400 people in State College, PA. We plead with you to deny the application currently before you for a proposed casino at the Nittany Mall in our community. We hear influential people make promises about the possible financial gains that can come to a community with the presence of a casino, but whatever extra money comes with the casino would not be remotely worth the negative impact of the casino on the emotional, psychological, moral, spiritual, and relational health of our community. We cannot afford that cost.

Please, for the sake of the health and well-being of State College and Centre County, reject this application.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel Kiehl

Rev. Daniel Kiehl
Oakwood Presbyterian Church
1865 Waddle Road
State College, PA 16803
(814) 238-5442
www.oakwoodpca.org



Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Zoe Boniface <zeboniface@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 11:19 AM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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To Whom it May Concern, I disapprove of the small casino proposed for the Nittany Mall in State College, PA. I volunteer for several social services organizations, and so I meet people with substantial stresses in their lives: money, jobs, children, parents, fear of the unknown future.... So many stressors! I think a local casino will only make things worse. It offers a passing distraction from one's problems, in a form that many people find addictive. Like any addiction, it damages the person and everyone close to them.

Moreover, State College is full of young students who need to find healthy ways to deal with the stress of life. Gambling will not help them in this task, and may sink them financially.

If you should authorize this casino, please also authorize a significant increase of state support for the social service organizations that then must accommodate a greater need for services. Frankly, I think that the revenue earned from gambling will be far outshadowed by the cost of repairing damage done to our community by gambling.

Meanwhile, the Nittany Mall has acquired new businesses to fill 3 out of 4 of its 'anchor store' sites. I am confident that they can soon find one more, without cursing our community with a casino.

Zoe Boniface
State College, PA

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Mel Ampthor <mampthor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 12:57 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Cc: Mel Ampthor
Subject: [External] SC Gaming OpCo

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The proposed casino and gambling site in State College is a horrible idea.

Another way to create even more of a divide in Centre County from a financial standpoint, all to line Ira Lupert's pockets.

Please consider the information attached here before subjecting Centre County to more problems.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1853209/>

I am entirely opposed to this venture.

Melinda Ampthor
Centre County resident
703-501-6569

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Tom Boughter <tom.boughter@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 2:17 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Lubert's Casino Nittany Mall State College PA

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As a resident of State College and a taxpayer, I strongly object to the casino which is being proposed for the Nittany Mall. Do not grant this license.

Sent from my iPad

Lloyd, Linda (PGCB)

From: Jason Maas <jason@djmaas.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 1:25 PM
To: GB, Board Clerk
Subject: [External] Public comment in opposition to the proposed mini-casino in Centre County

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Hello,

I'm a homeowner in the Borough of State College and I oppose the proposed mini casino in Centre County for the following reasons:

1. Gambling encourages "get rich quick" thinking and discourages steady hard work and saving, which is not a good combination for our society. Most Americans have a significant debt problem and gambling only makes it worse for the vast majority. The only people who routinely get rich are those who are running the gambling. There's a reason why we have the saying, "the house always wins".
2. Gambling is a tax on those who are bad at math, which tends to be the less educated and less wealthy people in our society. In other words, the people who can afford it the least.
3. I don't trust Ira Lubert at all after what we've learned about his role in approving "Sandusky Scandal" payments on behalf of Penn State which benefited his lawyer friends in Philadelphia.

Thank you for considering my input.

Yours sincerely,

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of State College and oppose ANY and ALL plans for a casino at the Nittany Mall or ANYWHERE in State College!!!

I relocated here from California 12 years ago where a casino was located near us and the problems that it brought to our area were many: drugs, crime, gambling addictions, loss of income for families, and the list goes on.

State College is a family and university town that does not want the problems a casino will bring to this wonderful area. It will change the atmosphere and force many families out.

Please think about the residents of this town and not the "almighty dollar." No amount of money is worth the destruction of our town! Please do not let the casino come into our home in this world!

Sincerely,
Alicia Hughes

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